

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 1816**

January 15, 2002

### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Requires the Department of Correction to provide the following regarding visitation of inmates:
  1. information on visiting regulations;
  2. sheltered visitor waiting areas;
  3. food services with foods choices for children;
  4. staffed children's area;
  5. correctional officer training on communication with visitors.
- Provides that discipline against inmates that restricts visitation must be limited to situations where there is a security-related need for discipline and the offense was related to visiting. The Commissioner of the Department of Correction must report annually to the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections on progress on improving visitation. Funding for improving inmate visitation would be provided from the interest account of the inmate's trust fund.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures -   \$925,300 Recurring**  
**\$2,770,000 One-Time**

Estimate assumes recurring expenditures for staff to supervise visitation areas, provide food services and additional training, and one-time expenditures for construction of additional sheltered areas for visitors, children's areas and equipment. Interest income from the inmate's trust fund is approximately \$78,000 annually and is used for general recreation activities for inmates.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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